

Compound Subjects and Verbs

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2g. A **compound verb** consists of two or more verbs that are joined by a conjunction and that have the same subject.

COMPOUND SUBJECT Both **Bianca** and **Kevin** want to become architects.

COMPOUND VERB Can you **sing** or **play** a musical instrument?

A sentence may contain both a compound subject and a compound verb.

EXAMPLE **Janetta** and **Ahmad** carefully **performed** the experiment and **recorded** the results.

EXERCISE A In the following sentences, draw one line under each subject and two lines under each verb.

Example 1. Blue and white are our school colors.

1. That store not only sells but also repairs computer equipment.
2. Both the blue whale and the humpback are endangered species.
3. At the Freshmen Follies, Lucia and Ramon sang a duet.
4. Either *Androcles and the Lion* or *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be our school's spring play.
5. Alex and Isaac left for summer camp this morning and will be there for two weeks.

EXERCISE B On the line provided, rewrite each group of sentences as one sentence with a compound subject or a compound verb or both.

Example 1. At the state fair Dale rode in a hot-air balloon. I also rode in the hot-air balloon. _____
At the state fair Dale and I rode in a hot-air balloon.

6. The committee discussed the problem. The committee proposed no viable solution. _____

7. The table on the patio is in need of repair. The chairs on the patio are in need of repair. _____

8. I will talk to my guidance counselor. Then I will make my decision. _____

9. Gnats were unusually troublesome last summer. Mosquitoes were unusually troublesome, too. _____

10. Lin Sing saw the movie. Jalene saw it, too. They have been talking about it ever since. _____